

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/056,297

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/15/06 and an interview conducted on 07/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,8-13 and 17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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1. Applicant's arguments filed on 05/12/069 in a Pre-Appeal Brief have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, rejection of claims 1-3, 6-13, and 17 over Caluori et al. (6,035,757) in view of Osenbruggen (WO 99/02310) and Hegyi (4,648,610) have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a communication with Stephen C. Smith (Reg. No. 56,250) on 07/27/06. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-5, 7, 14-16, and 18-19 have been cancelled.

In Claim 6, lines 1-3, "The laser arbor for a saw having a spindle of claim 1 wherein the circuit further comprises a power conditioning circuit that provides power within a predetermined voltage range to the laser." has been changed to

--The saw of claim 8 wherein the generator further comprises a power conditioning circuit that provides power within a predetermined voltage range to the light source.--.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because prior art fails to teach that the generator includes a rotor associated and

rotated with the housing of the light source, a stator secured adjacent to the housing, and the rotor being rotated by the motor relative to the stator for generating electric power in the rotor for the light source as set forth in claim 8. The prior art also fails to teach that the generator has a permanent magnet secured to a fixed guard and a coil rotated by the spindle, wherein the spindle has no electrical connections with the non-rotating portion of the saw as set forth in claim 17.

Regarding claims 8 and 17, Caluori et al. (6,035,757), hereinafter Caluori, teaches a laser arbor for a saw having a spindle that rotates a saw blade relative to a non-rotating portion of the saw. Caluori also teaches that the arbor includes a housing, a laser light disposed at least in part within the housing. Caluori also teaches that housing is secured to the spindle on the laser arbor. Caluori also teaches a circuit electrically connected to the laser for providing power to the laser. Caluori also teaches that the circuit provides power from a voltage source. Caluori also teaches that the spindle does not have any electrical connection with the non-rotating member of the saw.

Hegyi (4,648,610) teaches an electric generator that has a rotor which is connected to a shaft and a stator which is connected to the non-rotating part of the generator. Hegyi also teaches that the generator generated an electric power or a voltage that is supplied to LED.

Osenbruggen (WO 99/02310) also teaches that the voltage source for the lamps can be supplied from an inductor assembly connected to the power tool or the saw. See page 13, lines 11-24 in Osenbruggen.

However, there is no teaching or suggestion to combine the electric generator in Hegyi with the saw or the laser arbor mechanism for the saw in Caluori.

In fact, Caluori, Hegyi, and Osenbruggen fail to teach that the generator includes a rotor associated and rotated with the housing of the light source, a stator secured adjacent to the housing, and the rotor being rotated by the motor relative to the stator for generating electric power in the rotor for the light source as set forth in claim 8. Caluori, Hegyi, and Osenbruggen also fail to teach that the generator has a permanent magnet secured to a fixed guard and a coil rotated by the spindle, wherein the spindle has no electrical connections with the non-rotating portion of the saw as set forth in claim 17.

None of these references by themselves or in combination with the other prior art cited teach the claimed invention set forth in claims 8 and 17.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ghassem Alie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4501. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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